

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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STEPHEN GRAY, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	:	
Plaintiff,	:	Civil Action No: 07 Civ. 9790 (SHS)
v.	:	
CITIGROUP INC., CHARLES PRINCE, THE PLANS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF CITIGROUP INC., THE 401(k) INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, and JOHN DOES 1 - 20,	:	
Defendants.	:	
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SHAUN ROSE, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	:	
Plaintiff,	:	Civil Action No: 07 Civ. 10294
v.	:	
CITIGROUP INC., CHARLES PRINCE, THE PLANS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF CITIGROUP INC., THE 401(k) INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, and JOHN DOES 1 - 10,	:	
Defendants.	:	
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MEREDITH TRANBERG, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated	:	
Plaintiff,	:	Civil Action No: 07 Civ. 10341
v.	:	
CITIGROUP INC., CHARLES PRINCE, THE PLANS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF CITIGROUP INC., THE 401(k) INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, and JOHN DOES 1 - 20,	:	
Defendants.	:	
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ANTON RAPPOLD, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	:
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Plaintiff,	:
v.	:
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CITIGROUP INC., CITIBANK, N.A.,	:
CHARLES PRINCE, THE PLANS	:
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF	:
CITIGROUP INC., THE 401(k)	:
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, and JOHN	:
and JANE DOES 1 - 10,	:
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Defendants.	:

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SAMIER TADROS, on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	:
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Plaintiff,	:
v.	:
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CITIGROUP INC., CHARLES O.	:
PRINCE, C. MICHAEL ARMSTRONG,	:
ALAIN J.P. BELDA, GEORGE DAVID,	:
KENNETH T. DERR, JOHN M. DEUTCH,	:
ROBERTO HERNANDEZ RAMIREZ,	:
ANN DIBBLE JORDAN, KLAUS	:
KLEINFELD, ANDREW N. LIVERIS,	:
ANNE MULCAHY, RICHARD D.	:
PARSONS, JUDITH RODIN, ROBERT E.	:
RUBIN, ROBERT E. RUBIN, FRANKLIN	:
A. THOMAS, JOHN DOES 1-20 (BEING	:
CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS	:
OF THE PLANS ADMINISTRATIVE	:
COMMITTEE OF CITIGROUP INC.)	:
and JOHN DOES 21-40 (BEING	:
CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS	:
OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	:
OF THE CITIGROUP INC. 401(K) PLAN),	:
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Defendants.	:

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STEPHAN FIORINO, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, :
Plaintiff, : Civil Action No: 07 Civ. 10458
v. :
CITIGROUP INC., CITIBANK N.A., :
CHARLES PRINCE, THE PLANS :
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF :
CITIGROUP INC., THE 401(k) :
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, and :
JOHN DOES 1 - 20, :
Defendants. :
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JAMES BOLLA, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, :
Plaintiff, : Civil Action No: 07 Civ. 10461
v. :
CITIGROUP INC., CITIBANK N.A., :
CHARLES PRINCE, THE PLANS :
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF :
CITIGROUP INC., THE 401(k) :
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, and :
JOHN DOES 1 - 20, :
Defendants. :
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MARK GEROULO, individually, on behalf :
of the CITIGROUP 401(k) Plan, the :
CITIBUILDER 401 (K) PLAN FOR :
PUERTO RICO, and all others similarly, :
: Plaintiff, : Civil Action No: 07 Civ. 10472
v. :
: CITIGROUP, INC., CITIBANK, N.A., :
THE PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE :
COMMITTEE OF CITIGROUP, INC., :
MICHAEL E. SCHLEIN, JOHN DOES :
1-10, THE CITIGROUP 401(k) PLAN :
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE and JOHN :
DOES 10-20, C. MICHAEL :
ARMSTRONG, ALAN J.P. BELDA, :
GEORGE DAVID, KENNETH T. DERR, :
JOHN M. DEUTCH, ROBERTO :
HERNANDEZ, ANN DIBBLE JORDAN, :
ANDREW N. LIVERIS, DUDLEY C. :
MECUM, ANNE M. MULCAHY, :
RICHARD D. PARSONS, ANDRALL E. :
PEARSON, CHARLES PRINCE, JUDITH :
RODIN, ROBERT E. RUBIN, FRANKLIN :
A. THOMAS, SANFORD I. WEILL, :
: Defendants. :
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ALAN STEVENS, on Behalf of Himself	:
and All Others Similarly Situated,	:
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Plaintiff,	:
v.	:
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CITIGROUP INC., CITIBANK, N.A,	:
CHARLES PRINCE, C. MICHAEL	:
ARMSTRONG, ALAIN J.P. BELDA,	:
GEORGE DAVID, KENNETH T. DERR,	:
JOHN M. DEUTCH, PETER JOHNSON,	:
ROBERTO HERNANDEZ RAMIREZ,	:
ANDREW N. LIVERIS, ANNE	:
MULCAHEY, RICHARD D. PARSONS,	:
JUDITH RODIN, ROBERT E. RUBIN,	:
ROBERT L. RYAN, FRANKLIN A.	:
THOMAS, THE PLANS	:
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF	:
CITIGROUP, INC., THE INVESTMENT	:
COMMITTEE and JOHN DOES 1-30,	:
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Defendants.	:
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STEPHEN GOLDSTEIN, on Behalf of	:
Himself and a Class of Persons Similarly	:
Situated,	:
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Plaintiff,	:
v.	:
	:
CITIGROUP INC., THE PLANS	:
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF	:
CITIGROUP, INC., MICHAEL E.	:
SCHLEIN, CHARLES PRINCE, C.	:
MICHAEL ARMSTRONG, ALAIN J.P.	:
BELDA, GEORGE DAVID, KENNETH T.	:
DERR, JOHN M. DEUTCH, ROBERTO	:
HERNANDEZ RAMIREZ, ANDREW N.	:
LIVERIS, ANNE MULCAHEY,	:
RICHARD D. PARSONS, JUDITH	:
RODIN, ROBERT E. RUBIN, ROBERT L.	:
RYAN, AND FRANKLIN A. THOMAS,	:
And JOHN DOES 1-30,	:
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Defendants.	:

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CHRIS SOUTHARD, on Behalf of All :
Others Similarly Situated, :
: Plaintiff, : Civil Action No: 07 Civ. 11164
v. :
: CITIGROUP INC., CHARLES O. :
PRINCE, C. MICHAEL ARMSTRONG, :
ALAIN J.P. BELDA, GEORGE DAVID, :
KENNETH T. DERR, JOHN M. DEUTCH, :
ROBERTO HERNANDEZ RAMIREZ, :
ANN DIBBLE JORDAN, KLAUS :
KLEINFELD, ANDREW N. LIVERIS, :
ANNE MULCAHY, RICHARD D. :
PARSONS, JUDITH RODIN, ROBERT E. :
RUBIN, ROBERT E. RUBIN, FRANKLIN :
A. THOMAS, JOHN DOES 1-20 (BEING :
CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS :
OF THE PLANS ADMINISTRATIVE :
COMMITTEE OF CITIGROUP INC.) :
and JOHN DOES 21-40 (BEING :
CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS :
OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE :
OF THE CITIGROUP INC. 401(K) PLAN), :
: Defendants. :

WILLIAM and PATRICIA WOODWARD, :
Individually and On Behalf of All Others :
Similarly Situated, :
Plaintiffs, : Civil Action No: 07 Civ. 11207
v. :
CITIGROUP INC., CHARLES PRINCE, :
ROBERT E. RUBIN, C. MICHAEL :
ARMSTRONG, ALAIN J.P. BELDA, :
GEORGE DAVID, KENNETH T. DERR, :
JOHN M. DEUTCH, ROBERTO :
HERNANDEZ RAMIREZ, ANDREW N. :
LIVERIS, ANN MULCAHEY, RICHARD :
D. PARSONS, JUDITH RODIN, ROBERT :
L. RYAN, FRANKLIN A. THOMAS, ANN :
DIBBLE JORDAN, KLAUS KLEINFELD :
AND DUDLEY C. MECUM, and JOHN :
and JANE DOES 1-10, :
Defendants. :

FRANCIA BRICK, individually and on :
Behalf of all others similarly situated, :
Plaintiff, : Civil Action No: 07 Civ. 11369
v. :
CITIGROUP INC., CHARLES PRINCE, :
THE PLAN'S ADMINISTRATIVE :
COMMITTEE OF CITIGROUP, INC., :
THE 401(k) INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, :
And JOHN DOES 1-10, :
Defendants. :

DECLARATION OF ROBERT A. IZARD

I, Robert A. Izard, declare as follows:

1. I am a Shareholder in the law firm Schatz Nobel Izard, P.C.
2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of a transcript of the June 29, 2005 hearing in *In re AIG ERISA Litig.*, Master File No. 04-cv-9387 (JES) (AJP) (SDNY).
3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of an order *In re AIG ERISA Litig.*, Master File No. 04-cv-9387 (JES) (AJP) (SDNY Aug. 3, 2005).
4. On November 29, 2007, I called Marian Rosner of Wolf Popper to request a copy of the *Tranberg* complaint. She told me that *Tranberg* was not her case and that I should call Jeff Squire of Brager Wexler. On November 30, I spoke with Mr. Squire who told me that he was out of the office and that I should call Ms. Rosner for the Complaint because *Tranberg* was actually Ms. Rosner's case.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 4th day of January, 2008.

/s/
Robert A. Izard

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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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3 IN RE:

4 AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC. Lead Case:
5 ERISA ACTIONS 04 CV 9387 (JES)
6 -----x
7 New York, N.Y.
8 June 29, 2005
4:10 p.m.

9 Before:
10 HON. JOHN E. SPRIZZO,
11 District Judge

12 APPEARANCES

13 WOLF POPPER
14 Attorneys for Plaintiffs
BY: MARIAN P. ROSNER

15 KELLER ROHRBACK
16 Attorneys for Plaintiffs
BY: GARY A. GOTTO

17 WECHSLER HARWOOD
18 Attorneys for Plaintiffs
BY: ROBERT I. HARWOOD

19 SQUITIERI & FEARON
20 Attorneys for Plaintiffs
BY: LEE SQUITIERI

21 PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON
22 Attorneys for Defendant AIG
BY: LEWIS CLAYTON

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1 THE COURT: Go ahead.

2 MS. ROSNER: Marian Rosner from Wolf Popper, and I
3 would like to first move for the admission pro hac vice of Gary
4 Gotta of Keller Rohrback. And I have the papers.

5 THE COURT: These are the ERISA actions; right?

6 MS. ROSNER: The ERISA actions. There are eight of
7 these actions presently before you, and we are very pleased to
8 finally have you as the judge. We have been bounced to about
9 four different judges.

10 THE COURT: Why was this case bounced around so much?

11 MS. ROSNER: I guess for the same reason, they have
12 shares.

13 THE COURT: They didn't have them, they bought them.
14 Jeffrey Grant told me a long time ago that if you got a case
15 you don't want, buy shares of stock.

16 MS. ROSNER: There are eight ERISA cases before your
17 Honor. Six of them support my firm and Keller Rohrback as
18 co-counsel. That motion is opposed by Mr. Squitieri and
19 Mr. Harwood.

20 We need, I guess, a hearing date for that motion.

21 THE COURT: Why is there a lead counsel in an ERISA
22 action?

23 MS. ROSNER: That's the precedent, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: They're not Securities Act claims; are
25 they?

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1 MS. ROSNER: No, they're all the ERISA claims.

2 Mr. Gotto could address that.

3 MR. CLAYTON: Your Honor, Lewis Clayton from Paul
4 Weiss for the AIG defendants.

5 From our perspective, because I was listening to the
6 derivative argument, and I think the point came through very
7 clearly we should do this once, we should do it efficiently, we
8 shouldn't do duplicative discovery. From our perspective, we
9 are neutral as to who the lead counsel is on the ERISA side,
10 but we would like a lead counsel because it makes it easier for
11 us to deal with issues like discovery and scheduling.

12 THE COURT: If you agree on that, what is the fight
13 about?

14 MS. ROSNER: We don't agree.

15 THE COURT: Tell me what you don't agree on, I'll rule
16 today on the issue.

17 MS. ROSNER: We were the first firm to file an ERISA
18 case, and we did so after an investigation that learned that
19 AIG merged with a company called American General, and the AIG
20 stock plan became -- it was worth \$600 million as result of
21 that merger. We were the first file and find that out and
22 consolidate claims. To make a long story short, we were on
23 file for maybe five months alone.

24 THE COURT: When did you file your action?

25 MS. ROSNER: Here.

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1 THE COURT: When?

2 MS. ROSNER: In December. We then filed an 81 page
3 amended complaint and were contacted by other people who were
4 in different plans within the AIG ERISA plans, and we filed an
5 81 page amended complaint in I believe April. We were still
6 alone in the case.

7 Eventually about seven more cases were filed using our
8 complaint as a model, and we then were contacted by Keller
9 Rohrback, which is one of the premium firms in the country, on
10 AIG, and we agreed to be co-lead counsel with them, given the
11 fact that we had both the initiative and whatever and they also
12 had the expertise.

13 THE COURT: Are these going to be class actions at
14 some point?

15 MS. ROSNER: Class action. As I said, the majority of
16 the ERISA cases on the file support that structure. There
17 really is no reason why it shouldn't be granted, except the
18 fact that two of the firms simply dispute our being co-lead
19 counsel and want to be co-lead counsel themselves.

20 THE COURT: Why?

21 MR. SQUITIERI: Your Honor, Lee Squitieri from
22 Squitieri & Fearon. We are in fact a competing lead counsel
23 group.

24 Let me give you a fuller background than what
25 Ms. Rosner gave. Her first complaint filed in November,

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1 December, whenever it was, was not as full as it is now. It
2 was just a bid rigging case that basically copied the Attorney
3 General's general complaint, said these bid rigging things made
4 a pension purchase of stock an imprudent investment. In April
5 they filed an amended complaint. We filed our complaint, the
6 Phillips complaint, approximately a week later. Mr. Harwood
7 filed after that.

8 We approached Wolf Popper and said there are three
9 cases on file, I think there may have been four at that time,
10 not eight, not ten, and we said why don't we work together on
11 this case. The response from that firm, through Ms. Rosner's
12 partner Mr. Levy, was no, we are controlling the case, we were
13 here first, we're not working with anybody else in any
14 cooperative way, we'll be the lead counsel and the sole lead
15 counsel.

16 MS. ROSNER: That's not --

17 THE COURT: Well, you'll get a chance to respond.

18 MR. SQUITIERI: That's not the way to do that. We
19 have well-established claims here, and we filed a complaint
20 which is an original complaint.

21 THE COURT: These are ERISA claims. What is it, kind
22 of joint stockholders, what is it, an employee fund?

23 MS. ROSNER: Employee funds.

24 MR. SQUITIERI: 401(K) plans.

25 THE COURT: Subject to the abuse of discretion

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1 standard, I guess.

2 MS. ROSNER: That's correct.

3 MR. SQUITIERI: Yes. So we tried to come to an
4 accommodation with them to joint leadership structure,
5 efficient, and one person would be -- appoint one person but
6 everybody would have some decision making input, and they
7 refused. The Keller Rohrback firm only came in at the very
8 end.

9 THE COURT: Who else was objecting? You, I take it.

10 MR. SQUITIERI: There's one competing motion.

11 THE COURT: I don't understand why I should appoint
12 lead counsel at all in this case.

13 MS. ROSNER: Well, your Honor, the precedent has been
14 to do that in ERISA cases.

15 THE COURT: But tell me why, not what other judges
16 have done.

17 At some point I will have to rule upon a motion for
18 class action certification, at that time point I will decide
19 basically what lawyers should represent the lead class action
20 plaintiff. Once I determine that, we'll have a lead counsel.

21 MR. HARWOOD: With eight cases and eight sets of
22 lawyers pounding the defendants with eight separate requests
23 and scheduling class action depositions, making eight different
24 class action notices --

25 THE COURT: I could deal with that very simply by

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1 staying discovery. So that's the way I resolve the motion for
2 class action.

3 MS. ROSNER: The precedent has been in this Court, and
4 Mr. Gotto from Keller Rohrback has been in some of the biggest
5 ERISA cases, Worldcom, Global Crossing, et cetera, et cetera,
6 has always been a lead or co-lead counsel.

7 THE COURT: But there will be one once I resolve the
8 class action. The problem with this is I don't want to appoint
9 lead counsel now then later on decide that the person that I
10 appointed as lead counsel is not representing a plaintiff who
11 adequately represents the interests of the class, because
12 that's a separate threshold you have to cross. And once I
13 cross that threshold as to who is the most representative
14 member of the class to prosecute the action on behalf of the
15 class, then at that point in time I'm going to rule on whether
16 that lawyer should be taking the lead in this litigation. So
17 if I do it now, I face the risk that I may change my mind here,
18 and what good is it?

19 MR. HARWOOD: Your Honor has discretion to change his
20 mind later.

21 THE COURT: My question is what is gained by
22 appointing lead counsel now other than appointing someone for
23 the purpose of funneling --

24 MR. HARWOOD: It would streamline the litigation, your
25 Honor, and make it easier for the defendants to coordinate with

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1 one point person, and it would guide strategy.

2 THE COURT: When we get to discovery, that will be
3 true, but I'm not going to go to discovery until we have
4 discovery first on the class action motion.

5 MR. GOTTO: Your Honor, if I may, Gary Gotto.

6 The procedure that we followed in many of the
7 substantial cases, Enron, Worldcom, some of the other case that
8 we have been lead counsel with and has worked quite well is
9 there to be initial ERISA only discovery, limited discovery,
10 ERISA plan documents, committee minutes, et cetera. That then
11 permits the filing of a consolidated amended complaint that
12 names the right people as defendants.

13 THE COURT: I assume you have had access to those
14 documents already before you brought your complaint.

15 MR. GOTTO: Only some of them. We have not had access
16 to committee minutes or documents evidencing the appointment of
17 planned fiduciaries.

18 So the procedure would be to get those documents, to
19 file an amended complaint, and for that to be the first step
20 before the class certification procedure. And in order to
21 streamline and I think make that process efficient, having lead
22 counsel appointed to do so is what makes the most sense, and
23 that I think has been the reason other courts have followed
24 that procedure.

25 MR. CLAYTON: If I may, your Honor, we don't have any

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1 problem with providing the kinds -- presumably they have the
2 documents they need because they already filed eight complaints
3 or so, but we don't have any problem with providing them the
4 materials that they're due under the ERISA statute. As your
5 Honor may know, under the ERISA statute, someone who is a
6 participant, whether there is litigation or not gets access to
7 plan documents.

8 THE COURT: They have a right to see them under the
9 law.

10 MR. CLAYTON: And we have given them. I don't know if
11 we have given this particular set of lawyers --

12 THE COURT: That's why I was surprised when I'm told
13 after the plaintiffs filed they haven't had access to the
14 documents.

15 MR. CLAYTON: Absolutely. So if there are more
16 materials they believe they are entitled --

17 THE COURT: Maybe nobody just went down and looked.

18 MR. CLAYTON: If there are more materials that they're
19 entitled to under ERISA, we're happy to discuss that with any
20 of the counsel who filed cases. And if we owe them
21 documents --

22 What I don't want to have happen is for there to be
23 discovery in this case, because, as your Honor says, number
24 one, do we have an adequate class member, and there's going to
25 be real issues here about adequacy on the class side. It's

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1 exactly the issues your Honor was focusing on.

2 THE COURT: Why don't I just assume that, save them
3 the trouble of going down and looking at documents they have a
4 right to see, that you make available to them whatever document
5 they have a right to receive under the law.

6 MR. CLAYTON: Absolutely.

7 THE COURT: Make those available within the next two
8 weeks.

9 MR. CLAYTON: If they want to give us a list of things
10 they think we haven't given, we'll start talking to them
11 immediately, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Then I should proceed to the question of
13 class action certification.

14 MS. ROSNER: Your Honor, the problem is we have to
15 file a consolidated complaint, and one of the things that we
16 need to do that is the identity of the retirement board, which
17 has not been disclosed to us.

18 THE COURT: Identity of the retirement board?

19 MR. GOTTO: The individual fiduciaries.

20 MS. ROSNER: The name is John Does in the discovery we
21 have so far.

22 THE COURT: I don't understand that.

23 MR. SQUITIERI: We'll get that.

24 THE COURT: That's got to be something that you're
25 entitled to get under the law.

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1 MR. CLAYTON: We don't have to take the time of all
2 the people sitting here to --

3 THE COURT: That's why I was surprised when I was
4 told -- I think maybe nobody went down to look. That's all
5 stuff that you have a right to see.

6 MR. GOTTO: Your Honor, to date their position has
7 been as to the American General plan they would not provide the
8 information because the litigation was pending.

9 THE COURT: American General plan?

10 MS. ROSNER: It's American General that merged with
11 AIG, that's how the AIG plan got funded with the AGG stock.

12 THE COURT: Is there one plan or two?

13 MS. ROSNER: Three.

14 THE COURT: Three.

15 MR. CLAYTON: There at least were three plans.

16 But your Honor, I think the question of this very
17 basic ERISA information that they seek is something we can work
18 out. And I have not -- I don't question what counsel says, but
19 I have not had any communications with him about this issue.

20 THE COURT: So I can appoint a lawyer for the purpose
21 of passing on the information until we are ready to see the
22 case, but I'm not prejudging the question of class action at
23 this point.

24 MR. CLAYTON: Those are real issues.

25 THE COURT: Because I don't know upon what basis I

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1 would make the decision. The Securities Act tells me to do it
2 based on the size of interest, but this is not that kind of
3 case.

4 MS. ROSNER: Your Honor, under Rule 26G there are four
5 factors that you apply in deciding lead counsel in a case like
6 this. One is -- there are four factors, we cite them in our
7 brief. One is the initiative of counsel so far getting the
8 work done, two, general experience in the field, so --

9 THE COURT: All of which I will have to revisit for
10 the class action motion.

11 MS. ROSNER: But someone has got to file the amended
12 complaint. It's not productive to consult with eight people in
13 order to agree on an amended complaint. Somebody has to take
14 responsibility to file that complaint. Now we have done -- our
15 complaint, like it or not, has been the model for everyone
16 else's complaint. We have filed an 81 page amended complaint
17 that basically contains all the claims and has plaintiffs' all
18 three plans, which they do not.

19 THE COURT: I don't see why you can't cooperate with
20 consolidating a claim.

21 MR. SQUITIERI: Your Honor, may I make a suggestion?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 MR. SQUITIERI: I will suggest you use your discretion
24 to appoint the class counsel at the appropriate time. For the
25 time being, perhaps the Court would consider designating

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1 Ms. Rosner's firm as first filed case, my firm as a second
2 filed case as two coordinating counsels in the interim. And in
3 other words, we take charge of coordinating, the defendant
4 doesn't have to call eight attorneys, the Court doesn't have to
5 call eight attorneys.

6 THE COURT: That's fine with me. I take it you'll
7 take the responsibility of filing the second amended complaint.

8 MR. SQUITIERI: That's correct.

9 MS. ROSNER: Your Honor, I think that's unfair to
10 Keller Rohrback.

11 THE COURT: What's unfair about that? He's not being
12 asked to work.

13 MR. GOTTO: Your Honor, the suggestion here is
14 Mr. Squitieri filed the second case.

15 THE COURT: You know what we're talking about.
16 Everyone worries about how the fees are going to be carved up
17 at the end. But that's not something that you have to worry
18 about now, that depends on who the class action lawyer is.
19 That's where you are going to ultimately determine who gets
20 what from the pie, so to speak. I practiced law for 25 years,
21 I know what you're really fighting about.

22 MR. GOTTO: But your Honor, I think the point here,
23 too, is that the complaint that gets filed needs to be the best
24 complaint that can be filed in the best interest of the class.

25 MR. SQUITIERI: No one seeking to exclude input.

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1 THE COURT: I would assume you should all be able to
2 agree upon a consolidated class action.

3 MS. ROSNER: I don't know, your Honor. They have a
4 complaint --

5 THE COURT: If you can't all agree, I won't take a
6 consolidated class action complaint, because if their argument
7 is we don't like your consolidated complaint and we have -- we
8 want it differently, then why should I proceed on the basis of
9 a consolidated complaint when some of the people who are sued
10 here don't like what you have done?

11 That's the whole thing here. They have clients they
12 represent, individual clients, and they're not required to file
13 the complaint that you want to file. That's the problem with a
14 consolidated complaint, it only works if everybody agrees on
15 what it's supposed to say. If you don't agree, then why should
16 I take a consolidated complaint? I'll keep the three
17 complaints the way they are. There is no reason for a
18 consolidated complaint if the parties can't agree to what it
19 should be.

20 MS. ROSNER: I don't know how the defendants feel
21 about moving to dismiss against three separate complaints.

22 MR. CLAYTON: Your Honor, I think it's very easy to
23 overestimate the differences. There are eight different
24 complaints, they're not night and day. They're certainly not
25 identical, but they're pretty similar. It isn't as if one is

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1 taking one approach --

2 THE COURT: All three of you are a committee to draft

3 a consolidated complaint and coordinate discovery. You can

4 delegate among yourselves what functions you want to perform.

5 MR. HARWOOD: Thank you very much.

6 MR. CLAYTON: Thank you, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: That takes care of it.

8 Now what about the class action motion?

9 MS. ROSNER: Who is the committee?

10 THE COURT: You are three are the committee.

11 MR. CLAYTON: Four.

12 THE COURT: Four, all right, fine. I don't care what

13 it is, I thought there were just three.

14 MR. CLAYTON: As long as I am not on the committee.

15 THE COURT: Who is the fourth?

16 MR. SQUITIERI: Squitieri Fearon.

17 THE COURT: I thought you two were together.

18 MR. HARWOOD: Those two are together. We filed

19 separate complaints.

20 THE COURT: So one, two, three, four. So you will be

21 a committee of four and you will delegate yourselves what

22 functions you want each person to perform.

23 MS. ROSNER: I thought you designated us to be the

24 point person.

25 THE COURT: You can be the point person if you want

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1 to.

2 MS. ROSNER: We're the first filed case.

3 THE COURT: You can delegate among yourselves about

4 who handles --

5 MS. ROSNER: If you don't appoint us, we'll be back

6 here tomorrow with another motion.

7 MR. HARWOOD: This will come as a surprise to the

8 Court, but the four people in front of you have worked together

9 many, many years in many, many cases cooperatively. The

10 argument you are hearing now has nothing to do with the quality

11 of the consolidated complaint.

12 THE COURT: When am going to get a class action

13 motion?

14 MS. ROSNER: You will, your Honor, but I thought you

15 had appointed us as point person.

16 MR. HARWOOD: Judge, the four of us can work

17 cooperatively.

18 THE COURT: I appointed a committee. If they all

19 agree that you should be the point person, that's fine with me.

20 If you don't agree and two are on one side and two are on the

21 other, I will make the call.

22 MS. ROSNER: That's why I said we'll be back here.

23 THE COURT: Anyway, so that's enough for our purposes.

24 What about the class action motion?

25 MR. CLAYTON: Your Honor, I would suggest that when

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1 they get together -- my prediction is that under your
2 Honor's --

3 THE COURT: Why don't I fix a date for the filing of
4 the consolidated complaint.

5 MR. CLAYTON: Then we'll work from there, because we
6 need to see what is in that, then we can focus on the time.

7 THE COURT: So 30 days to file a consolidated class
8 action complaint?

9 MR. GOTTO: On the assumption we get the materials
10 in --

11 THE COURT: 60 days? I don't really care.

12 MR. HARWOOD: 60 days.

13 THE COURT: So 60 days, July 29th -- August 29th.

14 August 29th, I'm a month ahead of myself, or behind, I
15 should say. Then we'll have another conference in September,
16 you'll tell me what the situation is, whether you'll make a
17 motion, bearing in mind how difficult it is to get a motion to
18 dismiss granted, or whether or not you want to go ahead with
19 the class action discovery.

20 MR. CLAYTON: We will look at it.

21 Thank you, your Honor.

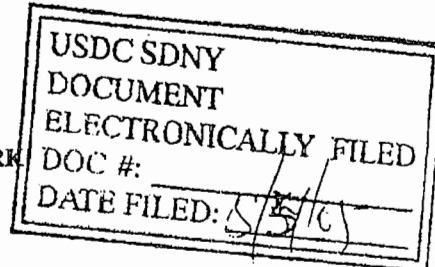
22 THE COURT: Have a good day now.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARGARET B. AMIDEL, OSCAR F. SALEH,
and GRACE C. BAXTER, individually and on
behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP,
INC., MAURICE R. GREENBERG, HOWARD
I. SMITH, DONALD P. KANAK, MARTIN J.
SULLIVAN, RICHARD A. GROSIAK, AXEL
I. FREUDMANN, PATRICIA R. MCCANN,
JOHN DOES 1-20 (AIG RETIREMENT
BOARD),

Defendants.

TERRY PHILLIPS, individually and on behalf
of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP,
INC., et al.,

Defendants.

EMMA TOY, individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP,
INC., et al.,

Defendants.

ECF Case

Civ. Action No. 04-cv-9387
(JES) (AJP)

[PROPOSED] ORDER OF
CONSOLIDATION AND
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE
OF PROCEEDINGS

Civ. Action No: 05-cv-4142
(JES) (AJP)

Civ. Action No: 05-cv-4221
(JES) (AJP)

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CHRISTOPHER TONLEY, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, }
Plaintiff, }
v. }
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC., et al., }
Defendants. }
Civ. Action No: 05-cv-4257
(JES) (AJP)

MARIA SERGI and JAMES O. BRITT, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, }
Plaintiffs, }
v. }
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC., et al., }
Defendants. }
Civ. Action No: 05-cv-4266
(JES) (AJP)

PEDRO J. NIEVES, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, }
Plaintiff, }
v. }
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC., et al., }
Defendants. }
Civ. Action No: 05-cv-4352
(JES) (AJP)

LINDA ADAMS, individually and on behalf of)
all others similarly situated,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP,)
INC., et al.,)
Defendants.)
Civ. Action No. 05-cv-4439
(JES) (AJP)

THOMAS SINYARD, individually and on)
behalf of all others similarly situated,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP,)
INC., et al.,)
Defendants.)
Civ. Action No: 05 Civ. 5675
(JES) (AJP)

JOSEPH SARACO, on behalf of himself and a)
class of persons similarly situated,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP,)
INC., et al.,)
Defendants.)
Civ. Action No: 05 Civ. 6179
(JES) (AJP)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The actions entitled *Amidei v. American International Group, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 04 CV 9387; *Phillips v. American International Group, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 05 CV 4142; *Toy v. American International Group, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 05 CV 4221; *Tonley v. American International Group, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 05 CV 4257; *Sergi v. American International Group, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 05 CV 4266; *Nieves v. American International Group, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 05 CV 4352; *Adams v. American International Group, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 05 CV 4439; *Sinyard v. American International Group, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 05 CV 5675, and *Saraco v.*

American International Group, Inc., et al., Case No. 05 CV 6179, (the "Actions") are hereby consolidated pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a).

2. All actions filed in the future in this District or transferred to this District that allege ERISA claims arising out of the same or substantially similar facts as alleged in the Actions will be consolidated with the law numbered case: 04 CV 9387.

3. For the purposes of this Order, a "Related Action" is any purported class action or direct action, brought under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") § 502(a)(2), (3), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(2), (3), and involving questions of law or fact common to the above-captioned Actions, within the meaning of Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a).

4. This Order shall apply to each Related Action subsequently filed in or transferred to this Court, unless a party objecting to the consolidation of such a case or to any other provision of this Order shall, within twenty (20) days after the date upon which a copy of this Order is mailed to counsel for such party, file an application, with notice to the Provisional Committee (as defined below) and counsel for defendants in this Action, for relief from this Order or any provision herein, and this Court deems it appropriate to grant such application.

5. All Related Actions subsequently filed in or transferred to this Court shall be consolidated for all purposes with this Action.

6. When a Related Action is hereafter filed in or transferred to this Court and assigned to the Honorable John E. Sprizzo, the Clerk of the Court shall:

- a) Mail a copy of such order of relatedness or transfer to the Provisional Committee (as defined below) in this Action;
- b) Place a copy of this Order in the separate file for such newly filed or transferred action; and
- c) Make an appropriate entry in the Master Docket.

7. Plaintiffs' Counsel in this Action shall promptly mail a copy of this Order to the attorneys for the plaintiff(s) in the newly filed or transferred case. The attorneys for the

plaintiff(s) in the newly filed or transferred case shall thereafter promptly serve a copy of this Order upon any new defendants or their counsel in the newly filed or transferred case.

8. The Court requests the assistance of all counsel in calling to the attention of the Clerk of the Court the filing or transfer of any case which might properly be consolidated as part of this Action.

9. The Clerk of the Court will maintain a master docket and case file under the following caption:

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re AIG ERISA Litigation : Master File No.: 04-CV-9387 (JES) (AJP)
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All orders, pleadings, motions, and other documents will, when filed and docketed in the master case file, be deemed filed and docketed in each applicable constituent case.

10. All orders, pleadings, motions, and other documents served or filed in this Action will bear the caption of "In Re AIG ERISA Litigation." To the extent Related Actions are consolidated with this Action, if a document is applicable to all of the constituent actions, such caption shall also include the notation that the document is related to "All Cases" and be filed and docketed only in the master file. Documents intended to apply only to one or more, but not all, of the constituent cases shall indicate in their caption the specific case number of the case or cases to which they apply and extra copies of each document shall be provided to the Clerk to facilitate filing and docketing both in the master case file and in each of the specified individual case files.

11. The terms of this Order shall not have the effect of making any person, firm or corporation a party to any action in which he, she, or it has not been named, served or added as such in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

12. The law firms of Wolf Popper LLP, Squitieri & Fearon, LLP, Wechsler Harwood LLP, and Keller Rohrback L.L.P. shall constitute a provisional committee (the "Provisional Committee"), on behalf of all Plaintiffs' Counsel, and shall share responsibility among all Plaintiffs' Counsel in the Consolidated Actions, including the drafting and filing of a Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint, the briefing of any motion to dismiss, and the class certification motion, and any matters pertaining thereto. This committee shall serve until the appointment of co-lead counsel after determination of the class certification motion.

13. In performing its duties and responsibilities, the Provisional Committee members shall consult with one another and coordinate their activities to prevent inefficiency or duplicative work. In the event of a dispute among Provisional Committee members, the Provisional Committee shall jointly seek guidance from the Court.

14. Service of pleadings and other papers by defendants shall be made only upon Wolf Popper LLP, Keller Rohrback L.L.P., Squitieri & Fearon LLP, and Wechsler Harwood LLP, which are authorized and directed to accept service on behalf of all ERISA plaintiffs.

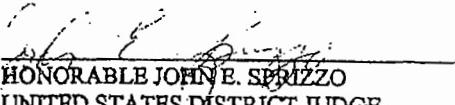
15. The parties have conferred and reached agreement with respect to a voluntary production by American International Group, Inc. of certain documents and/or information which the parties expect will be provided to the Provisional Committee on or before August 12, 2005.

16. Any documents or information provided to the Provisional Committee by American International Group, Inc. shall be deemed to have been provided to plaintiff(s) in any subsequently filed and consolidated actions, and American International Group, Inc. shall not be required to provide the same documents or information to any party in any subsequently filed and consolidated actions.

17. The Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint shall be filed by August 29, 2005.

18. The Consolidated Complaint shall be the operative complaint and shall supersede all complaints filed in any of the actions consolidated herein. Pending filing and service of the Consolidated Complaint, Defendants shall have no obligation to move, answer, or otherwise respond to any of the complaints in the above-captioned actions herein or any actions subsequently consolidated with them. Unless a plaintiff in a subsequently filed or transferred case is permitted by the Court to use a separate complaint, Defendants shall not be required to answer, plead, or otherwise move with respect to that complaint. If a plaintiff in any such case is permitted to use a separate complaint, each Defendant shall have sixty (60) days from the date the Court grants such permission within which to answer, plead, or otherwise move with respect to that complaint.

SO ORDERED this 5 day of August 2005.


HONORABLE JOHN E. SPRIZZO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE